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## INTERNATIONAL BUREAU ISSUES 1999 REPORT ON INTERNATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS, SPECTRUM POLICY AND NOTIFICATIONS

The International Bureau today released its **1999 Report on International Negotiations, Spectrum Policy and Notifications** prepared by its Planning and Negotiations Division. This 1999 Report updates and expands on previous editions published in 1997 and 1995. The Report details the full range of bilateral negotiations and notification activities and catalogues the status of international spectrum usage agreements to which the Commission is a party. This year's Report includes a chapter on spectrum policy and hyper-links to websites.

Full implementation of U.S. domestic spectrum allocation plans depends upon achieving acceptable frequency sharing arrangements with other countries, principally along our northern and southern borders. Thus, a major focus of this Report is spectrum coordination with Canada and Mexico. Included in the Appendices are detailed outlines of the current agreements with both countries.

In commenting on the Report, International Bureau Chief Donald Abelson stated, "This Report is an essential resource for those interested in international spectrum management. In a single volume, the Report contains information on international agreements that will be of value to readers, especially those parties involved in current and future international technical coordination activities."

Copies of this Report may be obtained from the Commission's contractor, International Transcription Services, 1231 20<sup>th</sup> Street, NW, Washington, D.C., 20036, (202) 857-3800, or at the FCC World Wide Web site: <http://www.fcc.gov>. Copies of the texts of the international agreements referred to in the Report are on file in the FCC Office of Public Affairs Reference and Information Center, located in room CY-A257 at the Portals 2 building, 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW, Washington, D.C., 20554, (202) 418-0270.



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